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LANE SHIFTS PLANNED AT ROCHESTER TURNPIKE PROJECT
NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CHANGES ON JUNE 25

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces planned lane shifts this week at the Spaulding Turnpike improvement project in Rochester.

Weather permitting, on Wednesday, June 25, southbound traffic will be shifted over to the new pavement south of Exit 12 so work can start in the median area. This phase of work is expected to take two months to allow for drainage and pavement grade improvements. Traffic will remain in a single lane until the Rochester Toll Plaza.

Also on June 25, northbound traffic will be shifted away from the median area and will remain in two lanes from just north of the toll plaza, but will shift closer to the breakdown lane. This phase is also expected to last two months during the median work.

Message boards and signs will alert motorists to the work zones. Uniformed officers will direct traffic as needed during the actual lane shift changes. Merging traffic from the southbound on-ramp at Exit 12 should proceed with caution.

This project involves the reconstruction and widening of the southbound barrel of the Spaulding Turnpike through the Exit 12 interchange, as well as the reconstruction of the southbound on and off ramps. Bridge work includes new bridges southbound over NH Route 125 over the Cocheco River, and the southbound on-ramp over the Cocheco River.

SUR Construction of Rochester, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$14.5 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in August 2009.

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